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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 300
By Walley

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mr. Ben Carr of
Hardeman County upon 50 years of exemplary
service to education.

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those special persons who have dedicated themselves to one of our most important professions, teaching, and who, through their knowledge, effective skills and love of young people, have shaped the leaders of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, Ben Carr is one such remarkable citizen, whose exceptional work as an educator for fifty years has not gone unnoticed; and

WHEREAS, a native of Hardeman County, Ben Carr is the son of Lucy Ward Carr and Charles Howard Carr; and

WHEREAS, Ben Carr graduated from Middleton High School and received his bachelor's degree from West Tennessee Teachers College, where he was instrumental in changing the name of the institution to Memphis State College; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carr received his master's degree from George Peabody College in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, before his meritorious career in education, Ben Carr proudly served his nation during World War II in the United States Navy; and

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WHEREAS, he began his laudable career in teaching at Middleton High School, assuming the duties of a teacher who resigned; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carr next astutely served as principal of Saulsbury Junior High School where he served for three years; and

WHEREAS, for ten years, Ben Carr served with acumen and alacrity as the Hardeman County School Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, during his exemplary tenure as Superintendent, Ben Carr formed a construction company that constructed new school buildings at a lower cost; his expertise and innovation resulted in Bolivar Elementary School being built as the first air-conditioned school building in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, during Mr. Carr's estimable tenure as principal of Bolivar Elementary School, enrollment has increased, as well as the number of teachers, assistants and other staff members; and

WHEREAS, under his sagacious leadership, Bolivar Elementary School has become a member of the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges; and

WHEREAS, Ben Carr has served in numerous professional organizations, including meritorious service as president of the Hardeman County Education Association, chairman of the West Tennessee Principal's Study Council, and as a member of the W.T.E.A. and the T.E.A.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carr has also been an active participant in civic affairs, including serving adroitly as the chairman of the Hardeman County Democratic Party; and

WHEREAS, an avid aviator, Ben Carr holds a private pilot's license and is currently a member of the Hardeman County Airport Committee; and

WHEREAS, Ben Carr is an active and devout member of the Saulsbury Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, his countless accomplishments aside, Ben Carr is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his charming wife, Donna, and their son, Ben W. Carr Jr.; and

WHEREAS, it is not often that a community is blessed with such a truly talented and giving educator as Ben Carr who, through his dedication to the profession he loves and the people he treasures, has positively influenced Tennessee's most precious resource, our young people; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Mr. Ben Carr on fifty years of outstanding service to education and to Hardeman County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.